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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed February 6, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

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(amended) 1. A computer implemented method comprising
providing a subscriber with a networking transmission service having a first
characteristic,
observing at the network that the provided networking transmission service to the
subscriber has a second characteristic; and
billing the subscriber for the networking transmission service having the second
characteristic rather than for the service having the first characteristic.

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